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President McKinley's reform of the deformed civil service is raising the anticipated yell from those who have made up their minds not to be pleased with what the administration does, but this matters very little. The president's action is approved by common sense and that is enough.

The Old Soldiers.

In contrasting the two generations of soldiers represented in yesterday's memorial exercises, let it not be forgotten that while the young soldiers of the war with Spain merit all the praise which they have received, the debt of the nation to the "old soldiers" is still unextinguished and inextinyears. guishable. They made it possible for the United States to retain and maintain the magnificent vitality in a cause of humanity which brought victory so swiftly in the recent passage at But for them, there would be arms. no majestic republic, supreme among the nations of the western hemisphere and exerting today an influence in the determination of the world's great affairs second to that of no power on earth.

The wisdom of their achievements is conspicuously attested by the very men of the South whom they opposed Time has wrought no grander vindication of the doctrine of national unity, as championed by the veterans of the Blue, than is supplied in its frank acceptance by the representative veterans of the Gray under the impetus of the new patriotism inspired by the conflict with Spain. We need today cast no reflection upon any section; we need hark back to no old topics of dissension; but as chroniclers of impartial history we must take the actions of the South itself as establishing beyond controversy the prudence and the benefits of the extinction of secession. The differences of the past may have been inevitable; the heroism and the fidelity on both sides constitute a common glory; but the present, with its reunion of hearts and hopes, is the seal of posterity's approval upon what the "old soldiers" did, and recognition of that fact is the Northern veterans' just due.

All honor, then, to the men of whitened locks and enfeebled tread who marched in yesterday's review and all honor to their comrades whose work on earth is done!

paper.

General Otis has declined at present to substitute English for Spanish as the official language of Manila, and he is wise. The English language can take care of itself.

The Canvass for the Speakership. The house of representatives of the Fifty-sixth congress will contain 185 Republican members, distributed as

toward Sampson. Everyone who same. We honor him; we respect him; we love him." The exception is Admiral Schley, Still, to use the fairsounding words of Schley, "there is honor enough for all." It turns out, as we thought at the

time, that General Lawton never said 100.000 American troops would be required in the Philippines. The man who said Lawton said this was a yellow reporter and he has already been disciplined.

iniversity of Pennsylvania announces a course in commerce, diplomacy and international law, the object of which is to assist young men in preparing for a diplomatic career. That recent events in our national history have made probable larger future openings for trained diplomatic and administrative talent is generally believed, and the University of Pennsylvania simply

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adapts its curriculum to this forescen demand. The course will extend over two

follows: California 6 New York 16 Connecticut 4 North Carolina... North Dakota ... 1 Delaware. Hinois 14 Ohio, Indiana 9 Oregon lowa 11 Pennsylvania 20 7 Rhode Island 2 South Dakota ... Kansus Kentucky 4 Tennessee Maine Maryland Texas Massachusetts ., 10 Vermont Michigan 12 Washington Minnesota ... 7 West Virginia ... Missouri Wisconsi ****** Nebraska. Wyoming 1 New Hampshire. New Jersey ...

To secure the indorsement of the Republican caucus the winning candidate for the speakership must poll 93 votes. Thus far only three state delegations have decided to go as units for the candidates of their choice. Representative Hopkins is sure of the 14 votes from Illinois and Representative Henderson has lowa and Wisconsin, 11 plus 10, or 21 in all. The friends of Hopkins claim 6 of the 7 votes from Kansas, a claim which, if true, would put Hopkins and Henderson neck and neck, with the latter one vote ahead. Should Representative Sherman succeed in solidifying in his behalf the votes of New York, New England and New Jersey his strength would reach a total of 41, or with the addition of the one vote from Kansas already announced as his, 45, 48 less than a majority. Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan could, with one scattering vote, supply this void; and while there is some talk of op position to Sherman in New York and Massachusetts, the chance that the threatened defection will become serious is generally considered remote.

On the other hand, a concentration of the votes of the group of states known as the Middle West upon one man, either Henderson or Hopkins, would result in an easy victory for that man, there being in the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Michigan and Missouri exactly 93 votes, the number required to elect. The man who comes within 15 to 20 of this figure will, by the very momentum of his candidacy, be likely to win out, through the gravitation to his standard of members anxious to land in the victorious camp. Should the Pennsylvania delegation decide to vote as a unit, its 20 votes would obviously be influential. Whether it could command the speakership for one of its own members is as yet uncertain, although stranger things have happened; but it certainly could in any event by unanimity hold the key to the situation.

Professor Goldwin Smith fears lest American expansion in other directions should leave the annexation of Canada in the lurch. That rests almost entirely with the people of Canada them-Belves.

At a dinner given on Monday by the Union league of Philadelphia to Rear Admiral Sampson a letter from Captain Robley D. Evans, late commander of the Texas, was read. In this let ter, speaking of Sampson, Evans said: "You, of course, know my feelings

and economic science which relate specifically to the class of questions to be dealt with. The eager search by American manufacturers for new markets in Europe and the far East is but one indication of the opportunities offered to those who have been thoroughly prepared to undertake the conduct of commercial negotiations in foreign countries. The course in commerce and diplomacy has been arranged with a view to offer such training. Students who have completed the two years' course will be qualified to assume the responsibilities of commercial representatives or consular agents. "In adjusting the work of the two years, the aim has been to combine with the technical preparation a general training in politics, law and economics. Thus the course on American commercial relations gives the student a knowledge of the policy of the Federal government, and of the forces which determine such policy; while the work in the economic resources of Europe and the United States furnishes the material without which a thorough understanding of the conditions of our commercial development is impossible. In much the same way, the general course in American diplomacy and foreign relations is intended to serve as a

ground work for the study of international law, particularly as its principles have been modified by the attitude of our government in international negotiations. From a practical point of view, these courses supplement ne another intimately. The consul in foreign parts deals primarily with questions of commerce; while in all countries where the system of consular jurisdiction prevails, a knowledge of international law, treaty rights and kindred matters is of the utmost importance to the merchant.

"The emphasis laid upon practical work is designed to prepare the student for immediate entry into the governmental or commercial service. The Commercial Museums, which are soon to be removed to the immediate vicinity of the university, will enable students to supplement the more formal instruction by means of a first-hand resources of every quarter of the globe. Reports on the trade and commerce of lifferent portions of Asia and South America will be required in order to familiarize the student with the technique of one important branch of consular duties-the preparation of official documents. While the course in commerce and diplomacy is intended primarily for those who contemplate public or business careers, the training offered will be of great value to the citizen. It is quite certain that questions of foreign policy will occupy an increasingly important place in American political life, which means that under our system of republican government every citizen must pass judgment

there would still remain conditions under which a resort to war could not possi-bly be averted, the number of such reupon the policy of the country. The training of college men to correct habrettable contingencies would perhaps be its of investigation and reasoning is inlinized. therefore of the utmost importance to our future welfare."

Something has been gained for the ause of humanity and progress in the cry fact that representatives of the The contrast presented between the attitude of this practical and progresnost civilized nations on earth have assive Pennsylvania institution of higher embled for the avowed purpose of de-

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tion to rebel."

spells continued sometimes for a day and a half and while Mining, Blasting, Sporting, Smokeloss they lasted I was so stupid I hardly knew my own name. and the Repauno Chemical I commenced taking Ripans Tabules, and before I had Company's used three dozen of them they made me entirely well. I HIGH EXPLOSIVES. take a Tabule occasionally now just to keep my stomach tafety Fuse, Caps and Exploders Room 401 Connell Building. in order when it shows any slight indication of a disposi-Scrauton. AGENCIES THOS. FORD. Pittston, HN B. SMITH & SON, E. MULLIGAN, OHN Wilkes-Barre.